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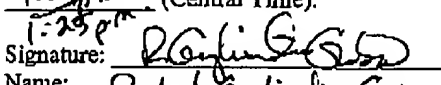
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Notice of Appeal filed 27 April 2006, thereby extending the date on which the period of response is set to expire from 27 June 2006 to 27 July 2006.

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